



## Bill Snapshot

### *HB 7089: Voting Rights Restoration*

**HB 7089 implements Amendment 4, the Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Initiative. The bill clarifies definitions and provides standards for authenticating voting eligibility.**

**The bill resolves the ambiguity in terms that must be applied by the Department of State (DOS) and supervisors of elections.**

- Murder includes:
  - First degree murder; and
  - Second degree murder.
- Felony sexual offense includes, but is not limited to:
  - Lewd or lascivious battery, molestation, conduct, or exhibition;
  - Sexual battery;
  - Unlawful sexual activity with a minor; and
  - Human trafficking for commercial sexual activity or forced labor.

**The bill also resolves other areas of concern by defining “completion” and “term of sentence”:**

- Term of sentence means:
  - Incarceration, standard conditions of probation, community service, restitution, residential treatment, a work program, an educational program, batterer’s intervention program, any court ordered special condition of probation, court imposed fines and fees, and any cost of supervision or other monetary obligation.
- Completion means:
  - For a term of incarceration, release from custody.
  - For a financial obligation arising from a felony conviction, full payment of the financial obligation or waiver of the obligation with consent of the payee. This includes civil judgments.

**The bill authorizes DOS to begin the rulemaking process to authenticate voting eligibility.**

**The bill will become effective July 1, 2019.**

**LAST SEEN:**  
 HB 7089 was reported favorably out of Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Sponsor:**  
 Chairman Grant

**CURRENT STATUS:**

HB 7089 will be heard in the State Affairs Committee

**HEADED TO:**

State Affairs Committee